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To whom it may concern:

It's time for this case to end. Microsoft is clearly not a monopoly (there are several alternatives, some free, some more expensive) and companies like Netscape which have fallen on hard times have done so of their own accord. To wit, Netscape didn't release a single browser product for upwards of nearly four years... to compete, you actually have to compete! AOL doesn't even use Netscape -- which they own -- in their own products.

The software industry is the most dynamic, fast-moving, innovative industry in the world, from where I sit. Yes, Microsoft is the big dog, but there are several alternatives (Linux, Macintosh) that shouldn't get a leg up just because Microsoft has been more successful.

Please end this trial now, and let the markets decide. Good ideas will win out, and it's not the government's job to help those who can't keep up.

I was not asked nor paid by Microsoft to send this message -- just a concerned taxpayer.

Thank you,

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